Monday, August 15, 2016

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors met this evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Penn Township Municipal Building, 157 East Airport Road, Butler, Pa 16002 with the Chairman, Samuel M. Ward, presiding. Also present were Supervisors, Douglas A. Roth and Wilbert J. Mowry, Jr.

Township Manager, Linda D. Zerfoss, Land Use Administrator, Clinton A. Bonetti and 2 Township residents and visitors were also present.

Minutes – 07/18/16

Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held Monday, July 18, 2016 they be approved as presented. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Correspondence

PSATS Township Legal Defense Partnership – Newsletter dated Summer 2016 on Firefighters’ Union Loses Appeal of Unfair Labor Practices Finding Over Boycott of Volunteer Services, Commonwealth Court to Decide Whether Members of Emmaus Fire Department are Borough Employees, Court Strikes Down Law Permitting Groups to Challenge Local Ordinances Regulating Guns, Argument Date Set in Right-to-Know Law Dash Cam Dispute and Municipal Organizations Reply to Industry Comments in Mini Cell Tower Matter Before PUC.

Pennsylvania DEP – Letter regarding Raymond Laurent Estate Subdivision, DEP Code #N6-16-083. The proposal had been submitted as an exception to the requirement to revise the official sewage facilities plan for new land development. They reviewed the proposal and found it to be consistent with the Townships sewage facilities plan. They find it to be adequate and accepts this proposal as an “exception” to the requirements.

Rex Energy – Letter advising the monthly royalty statements would be simplified.

State Representative Daryl Metcalfe – Letter confirming the use of the municipal building on October 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for his “Dessert with Daryl” meeting.

Pennsylvania DEP - Letter regarding the Santora Estate Subdivision, DEP Code #N6-16-081. This subdivision confirms DEP’s determination that the above reference project is exempt from the requirement to revise the Official Plan for new land development. The project will be connected to the Saxonburg Area Authority collection system.

Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery – Notice their annual walk-a-thon will be September 17, 2016. They included the route that will be taken. The race starts at 9:30 a.m.

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Correspondence – Continued

Public Employee Retirement Commission – Act 205 of 1984 requires the Public Employee Retirement Commission to make biennial distress determinations for all municipalities. The results of the 2016 distress determination for Penn Township is 0.

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania – Letter advising they are applying for grants and the need letters of support. They are requesting the Township submit a letter of support. The Board requested the Township Manager to submit a letter of support.

Pennsylvania PUC – Letter stating Canadian National Railway is seeking approval to alter the public crossing by replacing the West half of the existing bridge superstructure where Hicks Road crosses a single tract of Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company.

Wendy Leslie, CDBG Coordinator – Notice the 2nd public hearing for the 2016 CDBG funding will be September 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the County Government Center.

South Butler Community Library – Submitted a spreadsheet showing library users vs. municipal contributions.

Butler County Assessment Board – Notice of a real estate hearing on September 20 at 11:40 a.m. on Butler Power Equipment Inc.

Public Utility Commission – Notification that Penn Dot submitted an application for approval to alter nine public at-grade crossings up upgrading the existing flashing warning lights to new 12” LED flashing warning lights. The crossing to be upgraded in Penn Township is at Winters Road. Mrs. Zerfoss stated there was to have been a meeting at the sight at 1:50 p.m. today and she went and no one showed up or called to say it had been cancelled.

Seminars

The following seminar has been scheduled for Officer Crawford:

 Crisis Intervention Team Training on October 3 – 7, 2016

Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry that Officer Crawford be authorized to attend. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

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Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Zerfoss read the list of invoices paid since the last report was read on July 18, 2016. Township Fund: $83,391.27, Fire Tax Fund: $12,829.84, Municipal Pension: $324.08, Police Pension: $240.09. Deposits into the various funds totaled $76,494.25. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: $975,766.34, Fire Tax Fund: $105,232.85, Act 13 Impact Fund: $547,582.94, Municipal Pension: $426,781.22, Police Pension: $975,869.28, State Fund: $399,645.27. Motion by Supervisor Mowry and seconded by Supervisor Ward that the Treasurer’s Report be approved. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Zoning Department

Mr. Bonetti reported the Butler Planning Commission reviewed the Trophy Hunting Properties, 1 lot & residual with no comments on this plan.

Mr. Bonetti stated he met with HRG regarding the subdivision ordinance they are updating for the Township. He said they will meet monthly and hopes to have a rough draft to the planning commission in November.

He also said he will meet with the Planning Commission next week to go over the zoning ordinance with a few minor additions and once they are done he will submit the proposed zoning ordinance to the Solicitor.

Police Department

Mrs. Zerfoss read the Police report for July 2016.

Road Department

Supervisor Roth reporting the sealing and paving projects are complete and it was a good job. He stated Suit Kote did the sealing and Youngblood did the paving.

He further stated the road department is busy filling in low shoulders.

Mrs. Zerfoss submitted the Penn Dot newsletter Moving Forward dated summer 2016.

Recycling Report

Supervisor Ward reported residents can take items monthly to the Ash Stop facility but you need an appointment or you can go to ECSR in Cochranton, PA with no appointment. Televisions are $.65 a pound and house hold hazardous waste is $1.30 a pound.

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Parks and Recreation Department

Supervisor Roth stated the Audubon has Picnic in the Park Thursday evening. You can bring food and wine if desired and pets are also allowed. They provide music and this month the music is provided by Allegheny Drifters.

Public Relations Department

Supervisor Ward announced that Penn Township Community Day is Saturday, August 20 at the Nixon United Methodist Church from 1 to 6 p.m.

Old Business

Feller Heider – Mrs. Zerfoss stated in July a request was submitted by Feller Heider to do some metal detecting on Township property. He stated he did this previously on property owned by Butler Township. The Supervisors requested Mrs. Zerfoss to contact Butler Township to see if there was any problems. Mrs. Zerfoss reported she talked to the Township Manager and he advised that Mr. Heider did metal detecting on ButlerTownship property and there were no problems. The Board stated they have no problem with him doing metal detecting on Township property but requested Mrs. Zerfoss contact our insurance agent and make sure there are no issues and if none, to contact Mr. Heider and give him permission.

New Business

Minimum Municipal Obligation – Mrs. Zerfoss reported the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan for 2017 is $0 and for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan it’s $30,022.00.

Resolution #477 – 2016 CDBG – Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution #477 – 2016 CDBG. Motion by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth to adopt Resolution #477, entitled “2016 CDBG”. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Resolution #478 – 2016 Fair Housing – Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution #478 - 2016 Fair Housing. Motion by Supervisor Roth and seconded by Supervisor Mowry to adopt Resolution #478, entitled “2016 Fair Housing”. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

Resolution #479 – 2016 Three Year Plan – Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution #479 – 2016 Three Year Plan. Motion by Supervisor Mowry and seconded by Supervisor Ward to adopt Resolution #479 – 2016 Three Year Plan. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

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Act 537 – Saxonburg Authority

Supervisor Roth reported at the last authority meeting the board voted to rename the sewer facility in honor of Jay W. Rinebolt.

Audience Participation

Erma Mowry – Said there is lots of lose stone at Anderson and Dinnerbell Roads. Supervisor Roth stated the contractor was to remove the stone within 48 hours. He said Suite Kote called a contractor from Mars to sweep and he was told to leave some stone and he left. Supervisor Roth said the road crew did some blowing of the gravel and he called Suit Kote that according to the bid this is to be done. A new sweeper person came and did the roads that was already done. Supervisor Roth said he would contact Suit Kote in the morning.

Supervisor Ward seeing no further audience participation requested a motion to adjourn. Motion offered by Supervisor Ward and seconded by Supervisor Roth. There being no questions or comments from the audience, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Approved: Respectfully Submitted:

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Samuel M. Ward Linda D. Zerfoss

Chairman Township Manager

Board of Supervisors Penn Township